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# H. R. 5727

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the establishment of a process for quickly and effectively soliciting, assessing, and deploying offshore oil and hazardous substance cleanup technologies, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Oil Spill Cleanup Tech-  
5       nologies Act of 2010”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

1           (1) the response to the discharge of oil in the  
2           Gulf of Mexico resulting from the explosion on, and  
3           sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deep-  
4           water Horizon has shown the Federal Government  
5           to be lacking in significant technologies to clean up  
6           offshore oil spills;

7           (2) following the discharge, the Federal Govern-  
8           ment was not prepared to accept potentially valuable  
9           cleanup ideas and valuable time may have been lost  
10          in finding cleanup solutions due to the lack of an es-  
11          tablished process; and

12          (3) establishing a process for soliciting, assess-  
13          ing, and deploying offshore oil and hazardous sub-  
14          stance cleanup technologies is necessary to ensure  
15          that the Federal Government is better prepared to  
16          handle incoming technologies in the event of a future  
17          offshore discharge.

18 **SEC. 3. OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CLEANUP TECH-**  
19 **NOLOGIES.**

20          Section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
21          Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)) is amended by adding at the end  
22          the following:

23               “(9) OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CLEAN-  
24          UP TECHNOLOGIES.—The President, acting through  
25          the Secretary of the department in which the Coast

1 Guard is operating and in coordination with the  
2 heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall—

3 “(A) establish a process for—

4 “(i) quickly and effectively soliciting,  
5 assessing, and deploying offshore oil and  
6 hazardous substance cleanup technologies  
7 in the event of a discharge or substantial  
8 threat of a discharge of oil or a hazardous  
9 substance in United States waters; and

10 “(ii) effectively coordinating with  
11 other appropriate agencies, industry, aca-  
12 demia, small businesses, and others to en-  
13 sure the best technology available is imple-  
14 mented in the event of such a discharge or  
15 threat; and

16 “(B) maintain a database on best available  
17 oil and hazardous substance cleanup tech-  
18 nologies in the event of a discharge or substan-  
19 tial threat of a discharge of oil or a hazardous  
20 substance in United States waters.”.

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